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## Education

*Number and appointment of junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.*

* 1713 *Q.*—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of existing posts of junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools which are permanent and those which are temporary;

(*b*) the number of such posts held by secondary grade teachers;

(*c*) the number of posts that are proposed to be added to that cadre during the current year; and

(*d*) the percentage of these posts which it is proposed to reserve to the secondary grade teachers?

*A.*—(*a*) One hundred and eight permanent posts; no temporary posts.

(*b*) According to the latest available list of non-gazetted officers in the Educational Department (corrected up to the 1st October 1929) 64 officers possessing the trained teachers' certificate of the secondary grade were holding posts of Deputy Inspectors (junior grade) permanently; there were also four such officers officiating as junior Deputy Inspectors.

(*c*) It is presumed that the reference is to 1930–31; provision has been made in that year's budget for adding 14 posts.

(*d*) No definite percentage of posts is reserved for secondary grade teachers.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR:—"Having regard to the hard lot of the secondary-grade teachers, may I know if the Government propose to fix any percentage of seats to be reserved for them?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No, Sir."

*Improvement of the present system of medical inspection of schools.*

* 1714 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of improving the present system of medical inspection as stated by him in reply to question No. 582 on 27th September 1929?

*A.*—An experimental scheme of medical inspection on improved lines for introduction in two selected districts in the Presidency was submitted by the Surgeon-General. It was found on examination that the scheme was costly and that its extension throughout the Presidency would involve a much greater expenditure than the provincial finances were able to bear. A less expensive scheme which can be introduced in selected districts in the first instance and which can be extended to other districts as funds permit has been called for.